



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION 690

2 WHEREAS, Due to the inherent risk of procedures related to
3 the practice of obstetrics, the costs of medical malpractice
4 insurance for obstetricians is increasing drastically; and

5 WHEREAS, The increase in costs for medical malpractice
6 insurance is forcing many obstetricians to retire or move out
7 of Illinois and is dissuading doctors from entering the
8 specialty of obstetrics and, as a result, there is a shortage
9 of obstetricians in many portions of Illinois; and

10 WHEREAS, A shortage of obstetricians puts the health of
11 many women and babies at risk; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
13 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
14 there is created an Obstetricians Task Force consisting of 8
15 members appointed as follows: 2 legislative members appointed
16 by the President of the Senate; 2 legislative members appointed
17 by the Minority Leader of the Senate; 2 legislative members
18 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and 2
19 legislative members appointed by the Minority Leader of the
20 House of Representatives; two co-chairpersons representing
21 different political parties shall be selected by the members of
22 the Task Force; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall study the obstacles
24 facing obstetricians in this State and shall file a report of
25 its findings and recommendations to the House of
26 Representatives on or before January 1, 2005.